REPORT FOR ACTION

Naming of the Public Lane extending north from Hanson Street, between Rhodes Avenue and Coxwell Avenue

Date: April 10, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering & Construction Services
Wards: Ward 30 Toronto Danforth

SUMMARY

Item TE18.87, adopted by Toronto and East York Community Council on September 7, 2016, requested a report on the naming of the public lane north of Hanson Street between Rhodes Avenue and Coxwell Avenue.

This report recommends that the name "Thistlewood Lane" be approved to identify this lane.

Community Councils have delegated authority to decide street naming matters which comply with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Engineering & Construction Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the name "Thistlewood Lane" for a public lane extending northerly from Hanson Street, between Rhodes Avenue and Coxwell Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install street name signage is approximately $300 and is included within the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget.
DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on September 7, 2016, the Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE18.87, which requested that the City Surveyor report back on the naming of the public lane north of Hanson Street between Rhodes Avenue and Coxwell Avenue.

**Item TE18.87**

The Item originated with a letter from Councillor Fletcher wherein she described efforts by residents of the area to suggest names. The original suggestion "Linden Lane" was rejected by staff as it was a duplicate of the names of two existing streets.

An alternative suggestion, "Thistlewood Lane" complied with the Street Naming Policy and is the subject of this report.

Councillor Fletcher’s staff provided the following information about the name:

"The Thistlewood Family is among the first people living on Rhodes Avenue. Their house at 700 Rhodes is in fact still there. They came to Canada from Birmingham England around 1907, built what was essentially a shack and then built the current house at 700 Rhodes.

Christopher Thistlewood married Annie and they had two children, one of which died in infancy and the other was Christopher Henry Thistlewood. Their father had a store on Gerrard for years near Woodbine, and also worked on the rail road. He died in 1952 and the family has a burial plot in Scarborough at West Haven. Christopher Henry had two daughters Doris (Rose) who became an editor with Chatelaine, the New York Times and became a world famous interior decorator. Christopher Henry had a second daughter named Phyllis (Freeland) who just died this year.

They were typical of the area in that in that they were working class and worked hard to succeed. The family lived there until the 1970s."

COMMENTS

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, and Toronto Paramedic Services. Councillor Fletcher supports this naming proposal.

Consent was provided by Christopher Freeland, family spokesperson and son of Phyllis, who was one of the great-granddaughters of the Thistlewood family.

Community support in the form of a petition from the owners whose properties abut the lane was provided by the applicant.
The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2016-132.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

[Street Naming Policy]

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2016-132
PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

NAMING OF THE PUBLIC LANE EXTENDING NORTH FROM HANSON STREET BETWEEN RHODES AVENUE AND COXWELL AVENUE

WARD 30 - TORONTO-DANFORTH
DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2016

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